

## Book Launch

### Sources and Contexts in Writing and Teaching the History of Feminism and Women's Rights in East Central Europe in the Second Half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

A Book with 100 Sources and 100 Introductions

**5-6 December 2024**

Café Merkur | University of Vienna

*See the programme for the exact locations*

### Book Discussion and Two Workshops

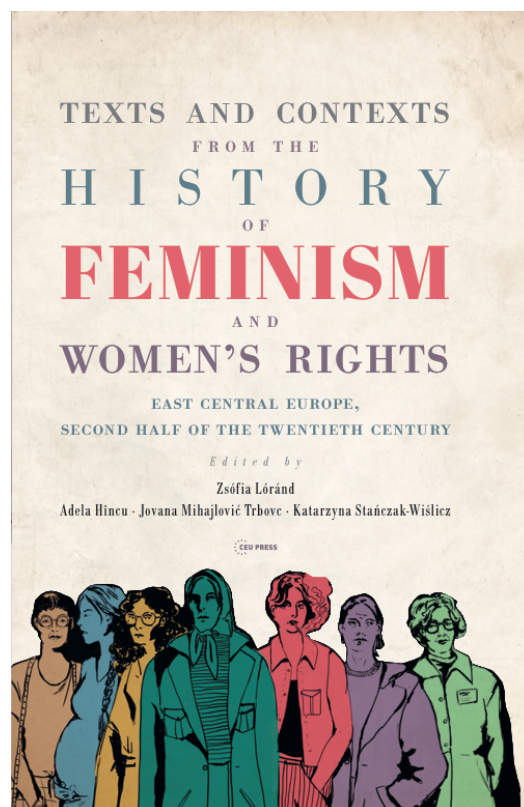
About the freshly published

### *Texts and Contexts from the History of Feminism and Women's Rights. East Central Europe, Second Half of the Twentieth Century*

Edited by Zsófia Lóránd, Adela Hîncu, Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, and Katarzyna Stańczak-Wislicz

Vienna – Budapest – New York: CEU Press, 2024.

Available in hardcover and in e-book format (open access)



**5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024, Thursday**

13.30 – 16.00 Workshop: Women's History and the History of Feminist Political Thought in East Central Europe – Sources, Translations, Methods, and Approaches from Intellectual to Gender History

With **Dietlind Hüchtker** (Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna), **Jasmina Lukić** (Department of Gender Studies, Central European University)

Venue: **Dissertantenraum, Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte, Campus der Universität Wien, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Wien, Hof 3, Door 3.2, 2nd floor.**

*in person only*

*Workshop abstract:* The editors will offer an introduction into the methodology of preparing the book, and, with the invited speakers, present parts of it. The speakers will focus on the relevance of the book for research in a wide range of fields from transdisciplinary approaches, East and Central European history, global and intellectual history to gender studies and literary studies.

Participants are invited to explore the book beforehand and focus on one chapter / author of their choice in particular. During the workshop, we will rely on participants' feedback and questions in order to discuss methodological issues that are of immediate interest to them.

19.00 – 21.00 **Book Launch and Discussion at the RECET Transformative Salon: "They lived in a period of constant revolution" – Feminism and Socialism from the Baltics to the Balkans**

Venue: **Café Merkur, Florianigasse 18, 1080 Vienna.**

*in person and YouTube Channel afterwards*

The [Research Center for the History of Transformations \(RECET\)](#) at the University of Vienna and the [Research Platform "Transformations and Eastern Europe"](#) invite you to their regular **Transformative Salon** on 5 December 2024 at 7 PM, this time with **Celia Donert** (Cambridge University) and **Claudia Kraft** (RECET/University of Vienna), moderated by **Rosamund Johnston** (RECET/University of Vienna).



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The Transformative Salon will entail the book launch of *Texts and Contexts from the History of Feminism and Women's Rights, East Central Europe, Second Half of the Twentieth Century* (Zsófia Lóránd, Adela Hîncu, Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz; CEU Press 2024), accompanied by a discussion with Celia Donert and Claudia Kraft, joined by Adela Hîncu, Zsófia Lóránd, Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz in the audience.

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Friday**

10.00-12.30 Workshop: Teaching with Texts and Contexts across Disciplines, about East Central Europe

With **Johanna Gehmacher** (Department of Contemporary History, University of Vienna), **Balázs Trencsényi** (Department of Historical Studies and Democracy Institute, Central European University), and the editors and authors of *Texts and Contexts*

Venue: **Seminar Room 2, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Campus der Universität Wien Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Wien, Court 1, Door 1.13, 1st floor.**

*in person only*

With the editors, authors and engaged participants, the presenters with many years of experience in teaching the gender and intellectual history of Central, East Central and Southeast Europe explore the following questions, and more:

What is the potential of *Texts and Contexts* to change perceptions and approaches to Central, East Central and Southeast Europe?

How can this book fit into the ways experts in the field think about gender and women's history in Central, East Central and Southeast Europe?

How does this book enable rethinking teaching and researching the history of political thought and intellectual history in the region?

The participants of the workshop are invited to share their experiences and ask questions from our invited experts and the volume editors.



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### Registration for Workshop(s):

We ask all persons interested in the workshop(s) to register in order to prepare for the envisioned interests of our audience.<sup>1</sup> If you are planning to attend the workshop(s) (even just for some parts), **please send an email with your name, institutional affiliation and field of academic interest to:**

[heressee.zeitgeschichte@univie.ac.at](mailto:heressee.zeitgeschichte@univie.ac.at)

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<https://ceupress.com/book/texts-and-contexts-history-feminism-and-womens-rights>

A compendium of one hundred sources, preceded by a short author's bio and an introduction, this volume offers an English language selection of the most representative texts on feminism and women's rights from East Central Europe between the end of World War Two and the early 1990s. While the communist era is the primary focus, the interwar years and the post-1989 transition period also receive attention. All texts are new translations from the original.

The book is organised around themes instead of countries; the similarities and differences between nations are nevertheless pointed out. The editors consider women not only in their local context, but also in conjunction with other systems of thought—including shared agendas with socialism, liberalism, nationalism, and even eugenics.

The choice of texts seeks to demonstrate how feminism as political thought was shaped and organised in the region. They vary in type and format from political treatises, philosophy to literary works, even films and the visual arts, with the necessary inclusion of the personal and the private. Women's political rights, right to education, their role in nation-building, women, and war (and especially women and peace) are part of the anthology, alongside the gendered division of labour, violence against women, the body, and reproduction.

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<sup>1</sup> Please don't hesitate to join for parts and to come even if you forgot to register.

Organized by:

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*Please be informed that video/photo recording might take place at the event and the material might be published to communicate or promote PR activities. Moreover, the organisers plan to record the event and publish it on the RECET YouTube channel 2-3 days later.*



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